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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, ELAB, MI

SUBJECT: ILO 1978 CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 127535#

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON THE TWO MALAWI GOVERNMENT DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC) ON MAY 26. THE DELEGATES ARE M.W. MACHINJILI, SECRETARY OF LABOR, AND DAVID G. CHIMALIZENI, SENIOR LABOR OFFICER. BOTH ARE LONG VETERANS OF LABOR MINISTRY AND EACH NOTED THAT THEY HAD ATTENDED AT LEAST FIVE PREVIOUS ILCS.

2. US VIEWS ON CONFERENCE PER PARA 5 REFTEL RECEIVED A VERY SYMPATHETIC HEARING. AS IN THE PAST, GOM DOES NOT WISH TO SEE CONTINUED USE OF ILO AS A POLITICAL ARENA OR DISREGARD FOR DUE PROCESS.

3. CHIMALIZENI IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A POSITION PAPER ON THE CONFERENCE FOR MINISTER OF LABOR WATSON DELEZA'S APPROVAL. THEY EXPLAINED IT AS A BROAD STATEMENT OF THEIR OBJECTIVES AND, FROM MACHINJILI'S STATEMENTS, IT SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANYTHING THAT WOULD  
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CONFLICT WITH US INTERESTS. ONCE IN GENEVA, THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES ARE FREE TO ACT WITHIN THE BROAD FRAMEWORK OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT REFERENCE BACK TO LILONGWE. CHIMALIZENI IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR THE AFRICA GROUP MEETING WHILE MACHINJILI PLANS TO BE IN GENEVA BY JUNE 12.

4. MALAWI TRADE UNION CONGRESS (MTUC) SECRETARY  
GENERAL JUSTINE LIABUNYA WILL ATTEND AS WORKER DELEGATE.  
THE EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED.

5. COMMENT: MACHINJILI IS THE KEY MAN FOR CONTACT  
TO ENLIST MALAWI'S SUPPORT ON SPECIFIC VOTES. GOM  
APPEARS WILLING TO SUPPORT US POSITION IN ANY EVENT  
BUT MIGHT MISS IMPORTANT VOTES IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES  
UNLESS NOTIFIED BECAUSE THEIR FOUR-MAN DELEGATION  
WILL BE SPREAD THIN. ALSO, MACHINJILI MIGHT BE  
OFFENDED IF NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED BY US OBSERVERS  
AS HE HAS BEEN IN THE PAST AND OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT  
HE LIKES THE ATTENTION.  
SHEINBAUM

NOTE BY OC/T: #REFTEL BELIEVED TO BE INCORRECT.

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